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Mississippi Longleaf Field Day October 30

Jones County – Learn how to improve wildlife habitat on your property by attending a Longleaf Pine Field Day from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Oct. 30 at the Jones County Junior College Advanced Technology Center, 72 Technology Boulevard in Ellisville MS, 39437.

The event is sponsored by the NWTF Mississippi State Chapter in partnership with the Mississippi Forestry Commission, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Mississippi State University Extension Service, Jones County Junior College, Mississippi Partners for Wildlife, Mississippi Forestry Association, Jones County Landowners Association, Mississippi Wildlife, USDA Forest Service, the Longleaf Alliance and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Well-managed longleaf pine stands provide quality habitat for a wide variety of wildlife and provide valuable specialty lumber products. Longleaf pine is also an attractive option for landowners due to its resistance to pests and disease, its ability to withstand storms and high winds and its aesthetic appeal. There are cost-share programs available to assist landowners in establishing and maintaining longleaf pine.



The event will discuss longleaf pine options and applications with wildlife biologists and foresters, and learn how to enhance wildlife habitat on your property.

Topics will include:

- Management of longleaf pine
- Economic and wildlife benefits of longleaf pine
- Use of prescribed burn
- Landowner cost share programs

Registration, encouraged prior to Oct. 25, is \$5 and includes BBQ lunch from Dean's Smokehouse. A registration form with a \$5 check payable to the Jones County Forestry Association should be sent to:

Linda Jefcoat
P.O. Box 448
Laurel, MS 39441

For more information, contact the Mississippi State University Extension Service office in Jones County at (601) 428-5201 or Kim Tolbert at ktolbert@ext.msstate.edu. On-site registration will be at 8 a.m. in the foyer of the Jones County Junior College Advanced Technology Center.

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